

App. No. 10/711,262  
Preliminary Amendment dated November 1, 2004

### REMARKS

#### ***Summary of Amendments***

The title has been amended. Claims 1-10 and 13-21 have been cancelled, claims 11 and 12 have been amended, and new claims 22-27 have been added.

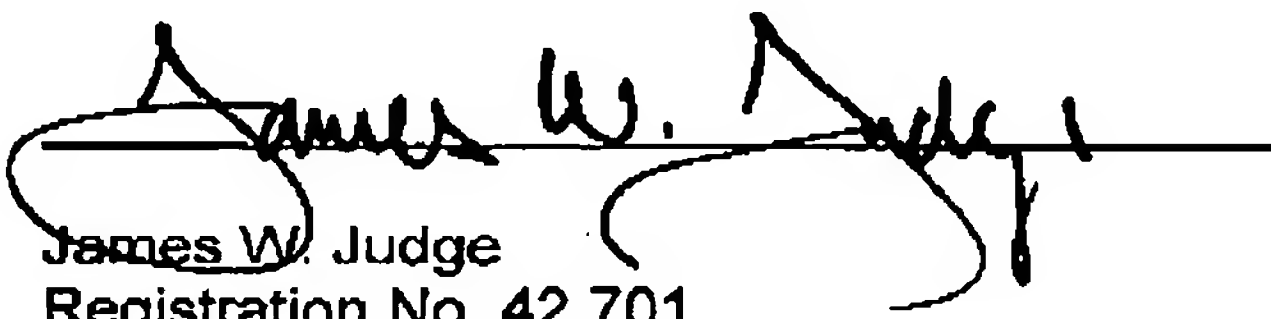
Submitted herewith is a declaration, signed by the inventors in the present application, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b), in particular because that section of the Rules states that a supplemental oath or declaration is required if claims are "presented for matter originally shown or described but not substantially embraced in the statement of invention or claims originally presented." It is believed that the presently submitted claims fall into this category and do not add new matter to the application as filed.

On the accompanying supplemental declaration—which bears the presently amended title, submitted by the Applicants to their undersigned representative together with the claims as presently amended—Applicants' representative has identified the present amendment by hand-written entry of the present date onto the first page of the declaration.

Favorable action by the Examiner at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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